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**BRITISH COLUMBIA
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**ORDER
NUMBER** G-24-05

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**IN THE MATTER OF
the Utilities Commission Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, Chapter 473**

and

**An Application by Fortis Pacific Holdings Inc.
for approval of an exemption from the requirement of filing
the March 1, 2005 Quarterly Report**

BEFORE: L. F. Kelsey, Commissioner
L. A. Boychuk, Commissioner March 3, 2005

O R D E R

WHEREAS:

- A. Commission Order G-39-04, dated April 30, 2004 ("Order") directed Fortis Pacific Holdings Inc. ("Fortis Pacific") to file quarterly reports commencing June 1, 2004 outlining the activities, timetables and financial evaluations and impacts of Fortis Pacific's stated plans and intentions with regard to the acquisition of Aquila Networks Canada (British Columbia) Ltd.; and
- B. In compliance with the Order, Fortis Pacific filed reports on June 1, 2004 and September 1, 2004; and
- C. On November 26, 2004 FortisBC Inc. ("FortisBC") filed its 2005 Revenue Requirements Application ("Application"). Under Tab 10.3 of the Application FortisBC provided its detailed Transition Plan in compliance with the quarterly reports as required by the Order; and
- D. On March 2, 2005 Fortis Pacific submitted a letter to the Commission requesting that it be exempted from the requirement of filing the March 1, 2005 report on transition activities; and
- E. Fortis Pacific brought this request forward in the interest of regulatory efficiency and in light of the fact that transition activities were addressed in the FortisBC Application, the FortisBC workshop in Kelowna, B.C., the FortisBC Information Responses pertaining to the Application, and will be further addressed in the FortisBC public hearings set to commence on March 21, 2005 in Kelowna, B.C.

NOW THEREFORE the Commission orders as follows:

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1. The Commission approves for Fortis Pacific an exemption from the requirement on filing the March 1, 2005 quarterly report on transition activities.
2. FortisBC, on behalf of Fortis Pacific will fully address all relevant issues related to transition activities at the FortisBC public hearing set to commence on Monday, March 21, 2005 in Kelowna, B.C.
3. Fortis Pacific must file its final quarterly report on transition activities on June 1, 2005 as directed in Order No. G-39-04.

DATED at the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, this 4th day of March 2005.

BY ORDER

Original signed by:

L.F. Kelsey
Commissioner